

## MAJOR SAUNDERS' MILITARY FUNERAL

Airplane Escort Will Drop Flowers—Funeral to Be Military

Funeral services of Maj. Harold Saunders were held at noon Tuesday at the Church of the Holy Cross Stateburg, and the body was laid to rest in the church yard in the family plot, where rest his ancestors, who in their day and generation rendered patriotic and distinguished services to their country, as did this gallant young officer whose distinguished career was cut short in the flower of his young manhood.

The body arrived yesterday afternoon from Fort Sill, accompanied by a military escort, and was taken at once to Stateburg, a committee of Claremont Lodge meeting the body at the station and escorting it to Stateburg. This morning a large number from this city attended the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. C. M. Boyd, rector of the Holy Cross Church. Major Saunders was buried with full Masonic honors by Claremont Lodge.

The following account of the funeral services at Lawton, Oklahoma, is taken from the Lawton News of the 7th instant:

(Lawton, Okla., News, Nov. 7.) A military funeral will be held this afternoon by Major W. H. Saunders, who died Wednesday as a result of injuries received in an airplane accident here Oct. 27.

Brief services will be held at St. Clair's Chapel, 428 D avenue, at 1:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. H. L. Hoover of the Episcopal church.

Following the services a military escort in charge of Major Turner of Ft. Sill will take the body to the Rock Island station where it will be placed on the 3 o'clock train for shipment to Major Saunders' home in South Carolina.

Taking part in the military escort will be one full gun section of field artillery, the Fort Sill military band and trumpeter and squadron of airplanes from Post Field. The casket will be carried on a caisson to the station and Major Saunders' horse draped in black will be led following the caisson.

When the station is reached the formation of airplanes from the funeral procession will drop flowers on the casket, a volley of three rounds will be fired in salute from three-inch guns and taps will be sounded by the trumpeter.

The officers who will serve as honorary pall bearers are West Point Class Mates of Major Saunders or officers who were associated with him in this country or overseas. They are: Colonel Courtland Parker, field artillery school of fire at Fort Sill, who was Major Saunders' regimental commander in France; Lieut. Col. R. B. Barnitz, commandant of Post Field; Captain S. White, Jr., field artillery school of fire at Fort Sill; Lieut. J. L. Kinney of Post Field, and Major Basil Perry and Major W. R. Woodward, field artillery school of fire at Fort Sill, both of whom were classmates of Major Saunders at West Point.

Major Turner, Field Artillery school of fire, who will be in charge of the military escort, was Major Saunders' battery commander in France.

The active pall bearers will be non-commissioned officers from Fort Sill and Post Field.

Major Saunders' body is to be shipped to Hill Crest Plantation at Sumter, S. C., where funeral services will be held and interment take place. Besides his sister, Mrs. Walker C. White, who came to Post Field to be at her brother's bedside, Major Saunders leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders of Sumter, S. C. His brother-in-law, Mr. Walker C. White, of the White Automobile Manufacturing Company, is expected to reach here today to accompany the body to South Carolina.

Capt. S. White of Fort Sill has been designated as the officer who will accompany the body to South Carolina.

Previous to his entering the military service, Major Saunders attended the naval academy at Annapolis for three years. He was also a graduate of the military academy at West Point of the class of 1917, and a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. Following his graduation from West Point, Major Saunders took a short leave of absence and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston for a time. In the fall of 1917 he went overseas with the Seventh Field Artillery of the First Division.

While in France he was transferred to the air service as an observer and was commander of twelve observation

airplanes. His aero squadron gained the reputation of being one of the best observation squadrons at the front.

Major Saunders was the first American observer to qualify as a pilot and also the first observer with the American Army to be assigned a mission at the front, although at that time other American observers were attached with the British and French armies. Major Saunders was cited a number of times in orders.

Major Saunders came back from France in August, 1918, and was sent to Post Field where he served as officer in charge of training until April, 1919, when he was transferred to the office of director of the air service at Washington, where he served up until the time of the recent accident here.

Major Saunders took part in the recent transcontinental air race, and was a passenger in the airplane piloted by Roy Platts who left Mineola, L. I. for the flight west. Their machine fell in Nebraska and the trip could not be continued.

Major Saunders came from Nebraska here to attend a meeting of the artillery and air service boards at Post Field. Together with Lieut. Col. L. H. Brerton he went on an inspection trip to Dallas. On their return trip, Oct. 27, Major Saunders was piloting the airplane and encountered a storm near Lawton. While attempting to make a landing the machine fell in flames and Major Saunders received burns from which he died nine days later, his death occurring last Wednesday evening.

Major Saunders had many friends at Post Field, Fort Sill and Lawton and was one of the most popular officers ever stationed here.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Compulsory School Law will go into effect for Sumter county for all white rural schools, Monday, November 17. All children between the ages of eight and fourteen will be required to attend school, unless providentially prevented. An excuse in writing, stating cause of absence, must be rendered to the teacher. For all colored schools running four months or less, the law will take effect with the opening of the school.

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Committee on Chamber of Commerce and Business Men Participation, to decorate streets, secure special free attractions in conjunction with the Fair Association.

M. Goldberg, chairman, William Berg, M. Marsh.

This committee accomplished wonders in street decorations and in stirring up interest.

The Sumter County Fair Association, The Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, The City and County boards of education and Dr. S. H. Edmunds, City Superintendent of Education, the city and rural school teachers, farmers, merchants, professional men and women, banks, manufacturers, and practically all of the people of Sumter and Sumter County, have joined forces to make the 1919 fair typically representative of Sumter County. There is going to be many educational, inspiring, entertaining, amusing, organizing, and get together features of this year's fair.

Much money is being expended, much time given by numerous ladies and gentlemen all over this country. The people of Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, Darlington, Calhoun, Orangeburg, Richland, Kershaw, and other Pee Dee and Eastern Carolina counties are cordially invited to join with us in this big exposition of agricultural, educational, commercial, manufacturing and home economics, and in a week of wholesome, clean, instructive amusements. In addition to the business and social benefits to be derived by attending the Sumter County Fair this year, you will be able to shed your troubles and to become optimistic, and to exemplify the good old adage:

Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Weep and you weep alone.

Officers of Association of the Sumter County Fair Association.

The officers, directors and heads of departments who are working so zealously and efficiently are as follows:

G. A. Lemmon, President; Dr. M. L. Parlor, Vice President; J. Frank Williams, County Agent; Directors—H. L. Tisdal, J. Z. Hearon, W. Percy Smith, T. S. DuBoise, Jr., J. H. Meyers, W. T. Brown, George E. Spenser, S. J. White, H. L. Scarborough.

Mr. H. L. Tisdal, for years the hustling secretary, is actively associated as a "live wire" director, and is handling much of the business of the 1919 fair.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS

Four or five "live wire" communities, Bethel School, Salem School, General Sumter School, home demonstration clubs, and girls clubs, and City of Sumter Home Demonstration club will be in next week's fair with very fine booths showing the progress of their respective communities.

Many farmers, merchants, manufacturers, agricultural machinery establishments, automobile dealers, and other establishments will have attractive and educational exhibits.

## THE SUMTER COUNTY FAIR

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

During the County Fair next week, the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, the Sumter County Division of the American Cotton Association, and the Sumter County Farm Demonstration Department, J. Frank Williams, County Agent, will occupy a joint "Boll Weevil Bucking and Cotton Price Advancing Booth" to which all of the visitors to our fair are most cordially invited. This booth will be the official bureau of information conducted by the Chamber of Commerce, and headquarters for County Agent J. Frank Williams, and Managing Secretary E. I. Reardon.

A free bulletin service will be conducted at which thousands of interesting, instructive, illustrated bulletins will be handed out to those who want them.

Mrs. H. R. Clinkscapes, General Secretary of the South Carolina Cotton Association will be at this booth in charge of the Cotton Association department and she will furnish literature and other information about the American Cotton Associations activities, objects, and the benefits it has been already to the farmers, merchants, bankers and others of the Southland. Mr. E. F. McLeod, State Manager of the S. C. Cotton Association will be here also for one or two days.

This booth will be sufficiently large to make visitors feel at home if they don't stay too long. It will be well worth visiting.

The Sumter County Fair Association contemplates, and it looks as though, at this writing, it will be "put over the top", the biggest county fair ever pulled off in Eastern Carolina, on November 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1919.

The management of this year's fair has appropriated much more money than ever before for each department in premiums and amusements and in addition the business men of Sumter, the merchants, bankers, and professional establishments, have added many hundreds of dollars for special prizes to be found in the premium list. The county board of education is liberal in its premium offerings, and Superintendent of Education J. H. Haynsworth, and his assistant Prof. C. S. Hutchinson are doing valuable work advertising and helping the fair.

### FREE ATTRACTIONS

Not content with adding to the amount offered for prizes, the directors of the association, and the business men of Sumter have appropriated thousands of dollars for special, high class, and clean entertaining, spectacular, daring, instructive amusements in the shape of the big combined Brown-Dyer Shows and Trained Wild Animal Circus, and as free attractions the famous Royal Scotch Highlanders Band of twenty-five artists musicians, with their five song soloists, featuring Bobby Broliere, the world renowned Scotch tenor. This famous musical organization costs five hundred dollars a day for three days of the 1919 fair, Nov. 19th, 20th, and 21st, and in the fair grounds will play two concerts daily of two and a half hours each, absolutely free to all. This band with its high class renditions of concert and popular airs, and its four soloists will give the 1919 fair a veritable musical festival tone. The business and professional men and banks of Sumter have contributed liberally for this band and to other notable attractions.

Among the other splendid free attractions at the fair grounds will be the wonderful, sensational, daring, death defying and artistic aerial stunts and comedy musical acts of the famous Delemeade Troupe of artists, featuring the five beautiful Earle sisters in their aerial acrobatic girations on the high revolving or Ferris wheel and on their double turning ladders. There are other artists with this troupe but the Earle sisters will also do some wonderful and beautiful sculptural posing in seven numbers. The entire program of the Delemeade Troupe will be positively an all round free attraction.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Farm Extension Division of Clemson College have determined to make the 1919 Sumter County Fair the occasion for educating and organizing the farmers, merchants, bankers, land owners, tenant and sharecropper farmers, and the citizens of Eastern Carolina generally in preparation for fighting the cotton boll weevil. County Agent J. Frank Williams and Miss Alice Martin, county home demonstration agent are co-operating and doing much hard valuable, and intelligent work to make our fair the success it is planned to be.

The Sumter County Chamber of Commerce has taken the job of getting the United States Government interested in putting on comprehensive peanut, grain, potato, and other crop diversification, and to furnish expert lecturers of several departments on livestock, tobacco, peanuts, potatoes, grain, velvet beans, and other boll "weevil ammunition" diversification farm products.

Thousands of bulletins will be distributed of various kind telling the farmers what to do. The National Bank of Sumter is keenly alive to the seriousness of the boll weevil situation should our farmers fail to grasp the full significance of the value of reduction of cotton acreage and the substitution of other crops on much land heretofore planted to cotton, and will have, at an expense of hundreds of dollars, a boll weevil exhibit in co-operation with other agencies to help us all line up to make Mr. and Mrs. Boll Weevil see that Sumter County is independent of these cotton pests if we do the right thing as we are told to do by government departments and experts, and if we profit by the experience of other boll weevil sections that have become more prosperous because weevils made the farmers go largely into livestock, peanuts, velvet beans, potatoes sweet and Irish, truck, etc., with cotton as a side line of the chief crop.

## GREAT COTTON COMBINE

### NEW ENGLAND MILL MAGNATES ORGANIZING FOR STRANGLE-HOLD ON COTTON CROP

The three letters published below about the American Cotton Association, and the one about the organization of a tremendous cotton combine between the promoters of the New England Union Warehouse Corporation and all the big compress interests in the South should be carefully read by every cotton producer, merchant, banker, and land owner in Sumter County. These letters from Harvey Jordan, National Campaign Director, J. Scottow Wannamaker, President of the American Cotton Association, and E. F. McLeod, State Manager of the South Carolina Cotton Association are matters of supreme importance to everybody in Sumter County and throughout the Southern states.

Nov. 7, 1919.

Mrs. H. R. Clinkscapes, Secretary S. C. Cotton Association, Columbia, S. C.

My dear Madam: Press despatches report the organization of a tremendous cotton combine between the promoters of the New England Union Warehouse Corporation and all of the big compress interests in the South.

The proposed combination will involve a capital of about one hundred million dollars and create a gigantic trust for the future buying, storing, financing and handling cotton in the South. These interests appear to have become panic stricken as the result of the determination of all other departments of the cotton trade at the recent World's Cotton Conference, especially the growers and spinners, to enforce economic reforms in the future baling and handling of the American cotton crop.

The cotton combine to maintain continued control of the cotton crop can only be successfully resisted through a complete organization of the cotton growers and their allied interests under the leadership of the American Cotton Association. To that end we impress upon you most earnestly to exert every effort in your power and those of your associates to organize the counties in your State up to 110 per cent. efficiency.

October cotton for 1920 is already being quoted and sold for future delivery at a price less than 20 cents per pound. If the opposition carries out their present plans of combination and the growers are unorganized, the growers will be in a helpless condition to defend their interests in marketing the 1920 crop at a profit, provided a normal yield is grown next year. We must strike now and strike hard to secure a concrete organization of the cotton growing interests in every cotton county for the battle of 1920.

This can only be successfully accomplished by continuous and effective hammering through the various State Divisions. The national headquarters of the association is ready and willing to render each State Division headquarters every assistance and co-operation possible. Be sure to keep us informed constantly as to your progress and your needs. The future is bright for success with complete cooperative effort. It spells disaster for the cotton growers if they are left at the mercy of those who have preyed and fattened upon the cotton crop for the past fifty years.

Very truly yours,  
American Cotton Association,  
HARVEY JORDAN,  
National Campaign Director.

November, 10 1919

Mr. E. I. Reardon, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Mr. Reardon:

I urge in the strongest terms that every county form their complete and permanent organization on the dates requested by Mr. McLeod per letter enclosed. I also most earnestly urge that full delegation from each county attend the meeting in Columbia on December 2nd for the purpose of forming the permanent organization of the South Carolina Branch of the American Cotton Association. Expressing it mildly, this is one of the most important meetings that has ever been called in our State.

It will be necessary to form and adopt the constitution and by-laws for our permanent state organization, elect the various state officials as provided for in the by-laws and constitution. These officials should be selected from the most able men of the State as their duties will embrace the handling of by far the most important matters that have ever been handled by any organization in the South. Then too, we must select for the various committees that have in charge the handling of the various aims, objects and purposes of the American Cotton Association, the most able men in the entire state. It will be necessary to elect the following: President, vice-president, secretary and an executive committee.

Following the wake of the organization of the American Cotton Association in each section of the cotton belt comes the formation and putting into effect and force the aims, objects and purposes for which we are so earnestly striving. As a result of the work already accomplished the entire South has received untold benefits and is today recognized as the coming part of the nation. More warehouses owned and controlled by the people of the South have been built than at any time since the war between the States; stock has been raised for the erection of two cotton factories by members of the Association; a three million dollar corporation for financing and effecting direct sales of cotton has been formed, and a great amount of additional constructive work has been accomplished.

As a result of the work already accomplished by the American Cotton Association, we are receiving communications from practically every section of the world where cotton is consumed, and from every line of the cotton industry. Also papers, periodicals and magazines throughout America, Canada and in Europe are carrying special articles concerning the Association.

from your county attend the meeting in Columbia to organize the South Carolina division of the American Cotton Association, December, 2nd. We suggest that you present the matter to the members of your county branch at the meeting to organize the county branch, November 14th. A large delegation from your county will have much to do with the success of the meeting December 2nd.

Many of the thinking farmers and business men of the country are of the opinion that the Cotton Association is responsible in a large measure for the recent advance in the price of cotton. Many of us are of the opinion that cotton would be selling anywhere from 20 to 25 cents today. If the American Cotton Association were not in the making.

Cotton has advanced in the face of adverse conditions; conditions that usually depress the market. There are between eight and nine hundred thousand working men on a strike. That condition would enable the bears to force the price of cotton down. The price of cotton cannot be forced down except by selling it down. The sellers are afraid to sell it down in the face of the work that is being done by the Cotton Association.

Please see to it that a large delegation from your county attends the meeting December 2nd, to aid in perfecting the organization that will be instrumental in keeping the price of cotton above the cost of production. Yours truly,

B. F. McLeod,  
State Manager.

### The City in Gala Attire.

Sumter is elaborately decorated already in the main business sections in honor of the Sumter County Fair, the business establishments, and the banks having donated hundred of dollar for elaborate street decorations, and many individual firms are putting up elaborate decorations besides.

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